

REMARKS**Objection to the Drawings**

The Examiner has objected to the drawings stating that “the lettering quality is poor and undersized” in some of the FIGURES. Office Action, page 2.

Applicants note that the original application was submitted with informal drawings having legible, although not completely clear, lettering in some of the FIGURES. On September 9, 2002, Applicants submitted formal drawings to replace the informal drawings. Applicants believe that the Examiner has referred to the informal drawings rather than the replacement formal drawings. Applicants respectfully submit that the replacement drawings satisfy all pertinent requirements. Accordingly, Applicants request the Examiner to withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Restricted Claims

Claims 1-11, 33-36, and 38-75 are withdrawn from consideration due to a previous restriction requirement issued by the Examiner. These claims have been cancelled from the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any of these claims in one or several continuing or divisional applications.

Double Patenting

Claims 12-22, 24-32, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for statutory double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,569,101.

Claim 23 has been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In regard to claims 12-22, Applicants have amended claim 12 to include the limitation previously recited in claim 23 (which is now cancelled). Claims 13-22 depend from claim 12 and, hence, inherit the limitation previously recited in claim 23. Accordingly, claims 12-22 do not claim the same subject matter as claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,569,101 and, hence, are allowable.

Claims 24-32 have been cancelled.

In regard to claim 37, Applicants have added "a portable display module for simultaneously displaying an image from said ultrasound device and signals from said electrocardiogram monitor." Applicants have also broaden other limitations of claim 37 by replacing "handheld" with --portable-- and by deleting "weighing less than" clauses. The amendment of claim 37 is supported by the original application. No new matter has been entered. Accordingly, claim 37 does not claim the same subject matter as U.S. Patent No. 6,569,101 and, hence, is allowable.

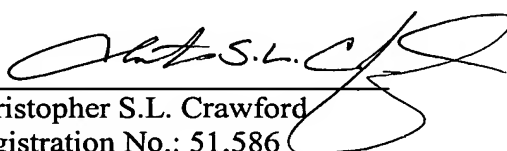
Applicants have added new claims 76-80. New claims 76-80 are supported by the original application. No new matter has been entered. New claims 76-80 depend from claim 37 and, hence, inherit all limitations of claim 37. Accordingly, claims 76-80 are also allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 65744/P009CP1/10313153 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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